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Citations Affected: IC 12-24-1-3.5.

Synopsis: Council on Evansville state hospitals. Establishes the council for Evansville state hospitals.

Effective: July 1, 2011.



A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning human services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 12-24-1-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) The council on Evansville state hospitals is established.**

(b) The council consists of the following members:

(1) One (1) superior court judge having exclusive juvenile jurisdiction in Vanderburgh County, who shall act as chairperson of the council.

(2) The director of the division of mental health and addiction or the director's designee.

(3) Two (2) members of the senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. The members appointed under this subdivision:

(A) may not be members of the same political party; and

(B) must represent Evansville or a surrounding area.

(4) Two (2) members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The members appointed under this subdivision:

(A) may not be members of the same political party; and

(B) must represent Evansville or a surrounding area.

(5) Two (2) mental health providers that provide mental health services in the Evansville area.

(6) One (1) member who:

(A) resides in the Evansville area; and

(B) provides services in the community, including:

(i) law enforcement services; or

(ii) children's services.

(7) The superintendent of the Evansville State Psychiatric Treatment Center for Children, or the superintendent's designee.

(8) The superintendent of the Evansville State Hospital, or the



1 superintendent's designee.

2 (9) One (1) representative of a statewide mental health
3 association.

4 (10) One (1) parent of a child who has received services at the
5 Evansville State Psychiatric Treatment Center for Children
6 and who is not associated with the Evansville State
7 Psychiatric Treatment Center for Children or the Evansville
8 State Hospital except as a consumer.

9 (c) The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint the
10 members under subsection (b)(1) and (b)(9) and one (1) member
11 under subsection (b)(5). The speaker of the house of
12 representatives shall appoint the members under subsection (b)(6)
13 and (b)(10) and one (1) member under subsection (b)(5).

14 (d) The council has the following duties:

15 (1) Review the following:

16 (A) The mental health and addiction services available to
17 children in the Evansville area.

18 (B) The quality of the care provided to patients in a facility
19 described in section 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(2) of this chapter.

20 (C) The utilization of the facilities and the cause for any
21 underutilization.

22 (2) Determine the viability and need for the facilities
23 described in section 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(2) of this chapter.

24 (3) Provide recommendations to:

25 (A) the office of the secretary; and

26 (B) the general assembly, in electronic format under
27 IC 5-14-6;

28 concerning the council's findings under this subsection,
29 including whether the council is making a recommendation
30 under section 3 of this chapter.

31 (e) The division of mental health and addiction shall staff the
32 council.

33 (f) The expenses of the council shall be paid by the division of
34 mental health and addiction.

35 (g) A member of the council is not entitled to salary per diem or
36 traveling expenses.

37 (h) The members described in subsection (b)(7) and (b)(8) shall
38 serve as nonvoting members. The affirmative votes of a majority
39 of the voting members of the council are required for the council
40 to take action on any recommendation.

41 (i) This section expires December 31, 2013.

